

## **SPORA BOARD MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**February 5, 2026**

In attendance: Barbara Lowden, Janet Webb, Peter Staton, Jeet Mann, Teresa Fankhauser  
Call to order 7:05pm

**ITEM #1**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Chequing account	\$3,110.57
Maple Lane Park	\$ 946.38
Total	\$4,056.95

**ITEM #2 REDUCING THE SPEED FROM 50 KPH TO 40 KPH:**

Barbara has drafted a letter to MOTT asking to reduce the speed from 50 KMH to 40 KMH within San Pareil.

- Barbara has also asked for an update on Phase Two of the Plummer Road and Hwy 19A Intersection.
- Asking to move the speed sign on Hwy 19A showing 50 KMH back towards the Log Cabin.
- Replace the white Dividing Posts entering San Pareil.
- Install a sign along Plummer Road, Expect Deer On Our Roads
- Consider asking if a stop sign instead of a yield sign would help improve the intersection coming off 19A.

The entire board supports the drafted letter and approved sending it to MOTT.

**ITEM #3 POSAC MEETING (Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee) within the RDN:**

The POSAC meeting was held on Monday, February 2, 2026.

We have been advised of the following:

Various times over this year the grass field will be upgraded.

Adding the new amenities is tentatively scheduled to start in the Spring of 2026 with a probable completion date in Fall 2026.

We will contact RDN Park Services to inquire if there will be any disruption to park use/additional traffic on Maple Lane. When we are notified of changes to park availability we will let the community know via a San Pareil Facebook post.

Spora will plan an Opening Park Event once we become aware of the completion date.

**Item #4 COMMEMORATIVE BENCH FOR CLARKE GOURLAY, FORMER RDN AREA G DIRECTOR:**

Barbara has been advised by Rick Daykin, RDN Park Manager that the funds raised in the amount of \$2100.00 will be sufficient for the Commemorative Bench for Clarke Gourlay. The funds in the amount of \$1200.00 had previously been donated by the residents of San Pareil. SPORA contributed \$900.00 which had been previously raised through San Pareil Garage Sales, held at the entrance to Maple Lane Park over the past two years.

Clarke Gourlay's son Ray will prepare the wording for the bronze plaque to be placed on the Commemorative Bench.

**Barbara will deliver a cheque in the amount of \$2100.00 to the RDN Parks Services.**

**ITEM #5 RDN TAXPAYERS ALLIANCE, (RDNTA), PETITION TO BE COMPLETED IN SAN PAREIL**

The canvassing of San Pareil is complete. A number of residents have already signed the Petition.

Residents can also sign the on-line Petition at: <https://www.rdn taxpayersalliance.ca/>

**ITEM #6 LIST OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING 2026:**

- Barbara has prepared a draft Rack Poster for discussion. The SPORA board supports this idea and offered edits.
- AGM confirmed for June 18, 2026 at the Parksville Legion. The rental fee is \$100.00 and a cheque has been delivered to the Legion to save the date.
- Suggestions for speakers: Lehann Wallace, Mott, RDN Park Services, RDN Water Management.
- Need to prepare posters looking for new SPORA members. To include information outlining the various SPORA roles, to give everyone a better idea of what being a Board Member entails.
- Need to ask the question of San Pareil Residents: What do you want SPORA to work on during the coming year? Facebook poll?
- Emergency Preparedness. The Committee needs to get more community involvement. The three or four emergency supply kits need to be opened up and reviewed to determine if items are still useful or still functioning.

Other Outstanding Ideas:

- Update on the San Malo First Nations green space.  
**Peter will gather information.**
- Clarification on Mariner Park: when will the park be open to the public?  
**Barbara to contact Tom Reid for an update.**
- Removing alders along Plummer Road to prevent potential road closures when they fall.  
**Teresa to contact Tom at Mainland Roads.**
- Ask ICBC or MOTT to give directions on how to safely turn left from Hwy 19A to Plummer Road.  
**Jeet to contact ICBC.**

Meeting concluded at 8:45pm

Next meeting to be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Teresa to host